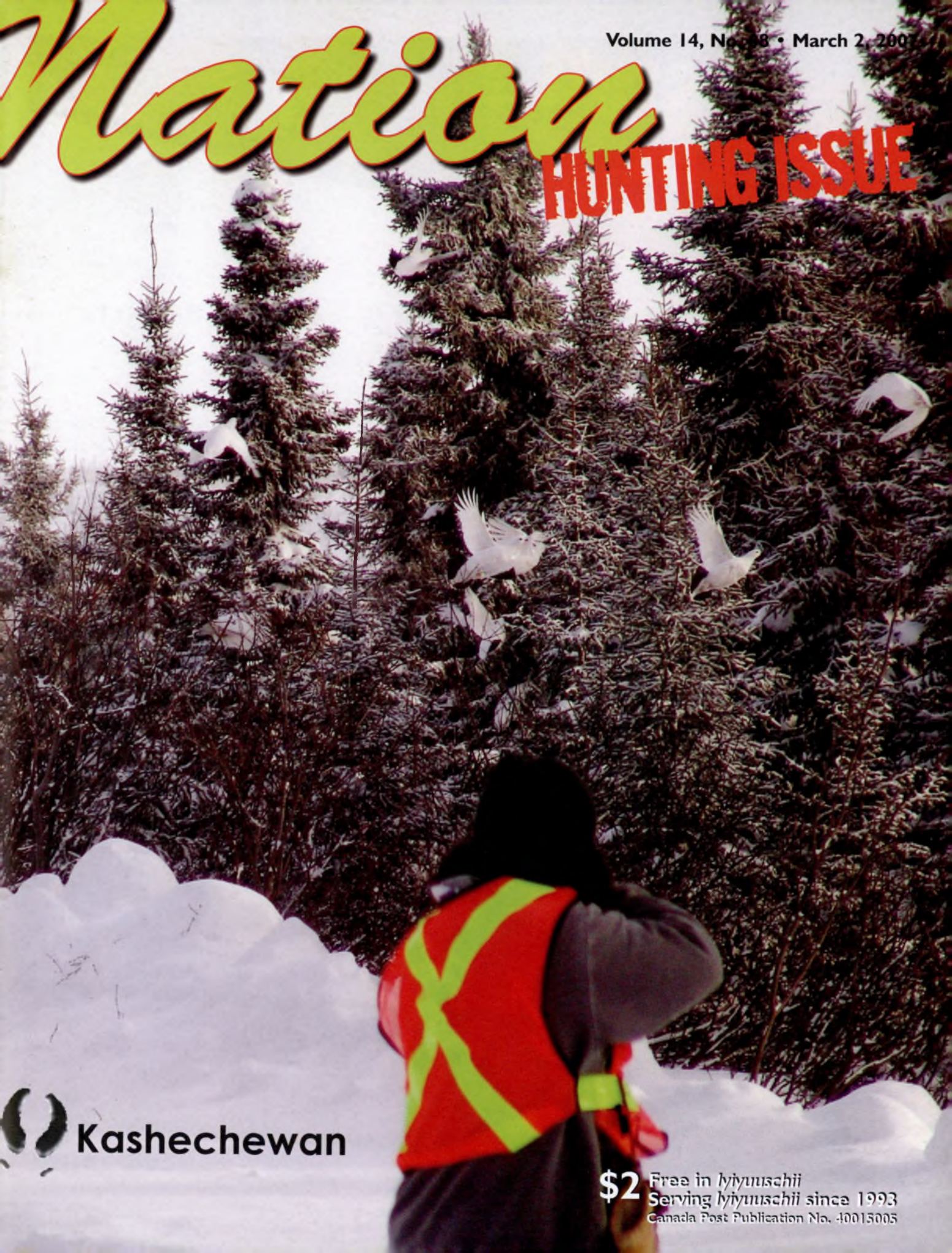


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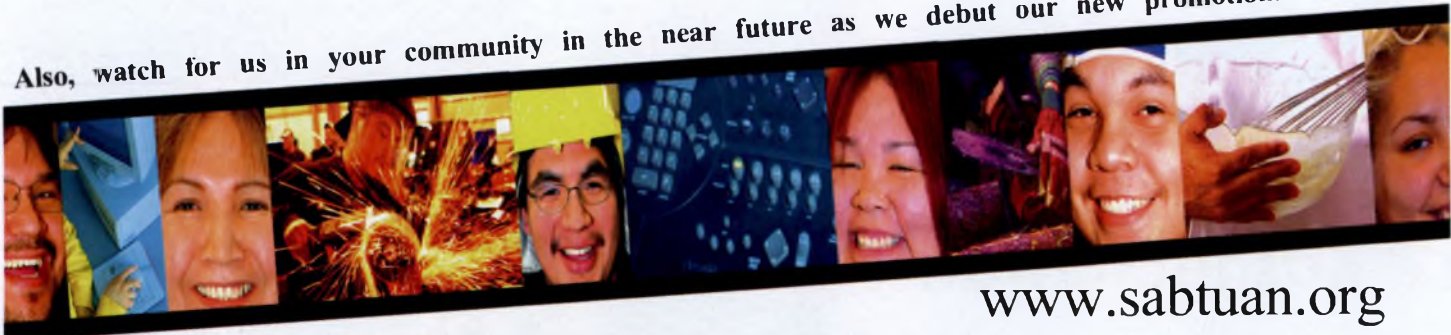
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Coddling corruption taints us all

by Steve Bonspiel

Eeyou Istchee has been dealing with its fair share of questionable conduct and suspicious activity. The question is, where is the accountability and consequence?

Here are a few cases that have made the news. Keep in mind that these are the cases known to the public.

- Four Waswanipi women are charged and convicted of stealing upwards of \$277,000 from places like the local day care, two grocery stores and individual bank accounts. The incidents took place over a two-year period, from January 2001 to July 2003. Two of them, Cynthia Saganash and Pauline Icebound, get a slap on the wrist in the form of house arrest, while the two who held higher positions and stole the most money, Emily Happyjack-Gull and Josephine Happyjack-Gull, receive eight months in jail and 18 months probation.

- In another community, \$292,000 went missing from the band's housing fund. The chief and council are currently deciding what to do about the multiple incidents, which took place from April 2000 until May 2005. The person suspected by the council was allegedly taking money from community members who came in to pay their rent to the band. According to the chief, one recommendation to deal with the missing money was brought up at a council board meeting. It essentially said that the community member had ruined their name through their own actions and that a lawsuit or trying to recover the money would not be necessary. There were also suggestions of going after the monies lost and pressing charges, but a final decision, almost two years later, has yet to be made.

- The Nation recently uncovered another alleged story of corruption in another community. An investigation into activities by a former councilor has the band alleging misappropriation of funds through unauthorized or unwarranted trips to Montreal and Ottawa. According to sources, the chief's signature was apparently forged and cheques addressed to the chief were hidden from the council. It's unclear how much money was misdirected.

There are many things wrong with the misuse of public trust. The first is the unethical abuse by an individual in a posi-

tion of power over the community. But the second may be the most important: What are the consequences for their actions?

In the Waswanipi case, receiving a sentence of eight months in jail for stealing over a quarter of a million dollars doesn't seem like justice to me. No one knows what will happen in the other cases, but be advised: don't hold your breath for a penalty that would dissuade the next person with sticky fingers.

It is important to send a strong message to people who don't fear getting caught because they think nothing will happen. Steal and you pay the consequences. Whether that means increased jail time, a civil lawsuit or banishing convicted criminals from the community, what are we waiting for? How many people have to be ripped off before criminals like the Waswanipi bank women are held accountable?

In a case like the Waswanipi bank job, they weren't just taking money from a nameless, faceless organization. They stole from their own cousins and aunts and siblings, not to mention their own community.

If these types of things happened down south, the consequences would be harsh. Thanks to the Gladue Supreme Court case in 1999, however, Native people in the north get off with lighter sentences based on their background and ethnicity.

Cree society is very forgiving and understanding, but to what degree? Should an entire population suffer for the outright greed of a few?

Corruption hurts us all. It's time people think of the future generations before they pad their wallets with community funds.

If the local bands cannot deal with these issues internally, then perhaps the Grand Council should step in and make sure that law and order isn't just a program people watch on TV. Or better yet, maybe it's time the people stand up and say enough is enough. If everyone paid more attention, theft could be reduced considerably and Eeyou Istchee would be a much better place for all who call it home.

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When good girls go bad...



It used to be that being bad was a boy's domain. The snot-nosed kid with the slingshot, the ruffian with a rebel cause, the guy who would fight for his girl with switchblades twirling and grease dripping off his 'do fit the image of the good old bad boy.

This image has been sustained and accepted as almost normal, something that was bound to happen; predictably around the usual bad-boy hangouts: the pool rooms, the barrooms, the locker room and the playground, often at the crack of dawn. Today, the domain of the bad boy has been challenged by the opposite sex. Yes, Virginia, there are nice girls who rumble.

You see it more often today. The bad-girl syndrome has escalated dramatically over the past decade. Social studies indicate that the level of violent actions conducted by boys (who eventually grow into men with freedom if they choose the right path, or take the road to incarceration), has peaked for some time. Violence by men has remained at about the same level for quite awhile now, while transgressions by the fairer sex have increased so dramatically that they could soon surpass that of the now relatively sedate male.

In one of our own communities, local sport centres and schools have been nearly demolished by our own sweet children, many of them ladies-to-be. In a period of eight days, they managed to Zambonize a rink with red paint, then the following weekend, use the same machine to trash the boards and protective glass, putting in danger one of the most anticipated hockey tourneys north of the 55th. Meanwhile, the school and several businesses were ransacked and otherwise broken into, by

whom, no one knows, but many suspect the same gang of girls.

Why so, one asks? I have some theories that I will test. One is the amount of male hormones that have leached into the water supplies from the billions of doses of the Pill, which is passed through the sewage system and regurgitated back into the natural water systems throughout the world, affecting all women in the world. This can affect those who have unwittingly absorbed higher levels of male hormones (somewhat akin to those non-smokers who are affected by second hand smoke) and have increased male tendencies for violent behaviour.

Another theory I have is that the number of role models for girls have increased in the last decade or so, often depicted by women of adventure, women wielding weapons or who have incredible capacities to incapacitate the bad guys and yet have a lack of empathy for those who dare to question or bully her around. This is evident in movies, television, magazines and every media known to man (perhaps there is a secret sorority which has other media that men are unaware of).

Just recently, the polls show that the number-one action hero is a woman. Who would have guessed? She happens to be a martial arts expert and from China, no less, the land where women's roles and rights are right down there, just below human rights.

In our own communities and families, we should take more care as to what influences our children's mindsets. We should never forget that a child's memories of their childhood should be filled with love and understanding, and teachings towards the right path, before we all go the way of the sociopath.

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Beleaguered Kashechewan weighs future

by Steve Bonspiel

After three evacuations in less than two years, an E.coli contamination in their drinking water and rampant mould in the community's homes, the Cree community of Kashechewan on Ontario's James Bay coast is in a downhill spiral.

A 20-year-old man took his own life January 7 and a disproportionate number of suicide attempts and suicide pacts have followed as the youth try to cope with an uncertain future.

The community is currently reviewing a comprehensive report authored by Alan Pope, who was appointed by Ottawa as the Special Representative of the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The report's recommendations include moving the community near Timmins, Ontario, and address a host of other dire needs.

Kashechewan chief Jonathan Solomon, in turn, hired Dr. Emily Jane Faries to study the situation at the local level through community consultations to give residents a chance to voice their opinions and concerns about the future of their community.

Unlike the Pope report, which suggests five different new locations for the community, Dr. Faries left it up to the community to decide where they wanted to move.

Chief Solomon was elected in part due to his promise that the community could choose where to move; as opposed to former Chief Leo Friday's "fait accompli" that would have seen him and his council choose the location.

"There's a lot of uncertainty and instability in the community," said Solomon. "The youth are reacting to the situation which first started in October 2005 when the community was evacuated because of the water contamination."

Solomon painted a bleak picture of despair.

"We've lost two of our people who died in a fire while under the protection of the police along with a girl in a house fire two months later. There was also a homicide this past summer in the community," he said. "All these things are causing a lot of stress."

The 40-page Pope Report included alarming findings such as:

- There is currently no fire truck in the community;
- A three-metre-high ring dyke that surrounds the community needs upgrading to the tune of \$430,000. According to a report released in 2005, "The dyke deficiencies could result in failure during flood/ice jam events";
- Members of the Kashechewan First Nation are denied services locally if they are not registered band members or don't have an Ontario Health Insurance Plan —something the report calls "unacceptable";



- In spite of work done on the sewage system and lagoon, a significant threat remains of overflow or backup along East Creek and effecting Red Willow Creek, which are immediately upstream of the water treatment plant intake;

- St. Andrew's Elementary is closed indefinitely because of health and safety concerns, site contamination and vandalism. As a result, student attendance was halved and high school students feel alienated as they must share a building with elementary kids and start class at 3 pm.

The report also stresses that "the traditional lands on the Kashechewan First Nation will not remain what they are today."

When asked for comment from Indian Affairs spokesperson Deirdra McCracken was not very forthcoming. "We are committed to finding a solution for the community," she said. "We've had our representative present his report and now we're awaiting the community's response as to what their decision will be as to what their future will be."

Political divisions are adding to the woes of the community. Solomon said that Health Canada is not publicly acknowledging the dangers faced by Kashechewan.

"I think Health Canada has to come and live in the community to actually experience what the pressures are," said Chief Solomon. "I think it's unfair for them to make a judgment call while they're sitting in an office in Ottawa. They aren't helping the problem by arguing with the numbers."

In January, Health Canada reported 10 cases that were considered either attempted suicide or ideations of suicides; that is, people talked openly about killing themselves, according to Health Canada Spokesman Al Gorman.

"I don't want to dispute with the chief on that," said Gorman. "The number 10 is simply the number of cases that present themselves at the nursing station for clinical assessment."

"With three evacuations in the last two years, there will of course be social disruption, that's just common sense," Gorman continued. "So what we're doing is trying to assist the community in dealing with that through funding we provide to it and to some of the other service providers, in particular the Anishinaabe-Aski Nation and the Weeneebeg health authority."

Edward Sutherland, the Director of Kashechewan Health Services, urged the government to send more counsellors to

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UQAT FIRST NATIONS PAVILION WINS APPROVAL

by Steve Bonspiel
photos by Ioana Radu

Crees will soon be able to attend university in an environment that is more culturally adapted to their needs. The Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue in Val d'Or announced last week that the much-anticipated First Nations Pavilion has been given the green light.

The federal and provincial governments each contributed \$3.8 million toward the \$10 million project. A special committee, with former Grand Chief Ted Moses and Val d'Or Mayor Fernand Trahan, raised an additional \$1.5 million from various businesses.

"It's been difficult getting the funding, but I think people knew sooner or later that our goal would be achieved," said Edith Cloutier, Chairperson of the UQAT Board of Directors who also doubles as the Director of the Native Friendship Centre in Val d'Or. "The new challenge is we need \$1.2 million a year to operate the pavilion. That's our new goal."

The project has been in the works for four years. It announced February 16 at a luncheon in Val d'Or that included provincial Indian Affairs Minister Geoff Kelley along with Cree and Algonquin Chiefs.

"We are pleased to announce our support for this historic achievement," Kelley told a room of 160 people at the Motel Forestel. "It is something all First Nations can be proud of."

The \$3.8 million guaranteed by Ottawa and matched last year by the province, was announced at last fall's First Nations Socio-Economic Summit in Mashteuiatsh.

Former Grand Chief Ted Moses and Val d'Or Mayor Fernand Trahan helped to raised \$1.5 million towards the goal by soliciting businesses in the area.

The province will supply an additional \$340,000 for operating costs, but UQAT will have to secure almost \$900,000 more to operate the pavilion.

Oscar Kistabish, an Algonquin, is the cultural

agent for the Native Friendship Centre in Val d'Or. He opened the luncheon with a prayer and provided a laugh when he told a story of a journalist who once said to him, "Welcome to Val d'Or." To which he quickly replied with a smile, "We've been here for over 6,000 years. I should be the one welcoming you."

The university is currently offering programs specific to Native people, such as bachelor programs in social work, administration and pre-school and elementary school, but space is so limited that at a certain point last year, a class was held at the local Knights of Columbus hall.

"UQAT's First Nations Pavilion will be referred to not only as a model of peaceful coexistence but also as a symbol of people working together to bridge the gap between our respective cultures, a gap that is still unfortunately, hued by racism, discrimination and prejudice," said Cloutier.

Two architects are currently working on unique designs that will be brought to the committee for their approval late in the New Year. Developers are aiming to break ground in the fall.

UQAT is the first university in Quebec to take the bold step of building a First Nations pavilion to promote Native culture. Their aim is to foster a better relationship between the town of Val d'Or and neighboring Native communities.

"The First Nations pavilion owes its development to the relentless and vigorous efforts of women and men from a diversity of nations, languages and communities," Cloutier stressed.

Minister of Natural Resources and Wildlife Pierre Corbeil, who is also MNA for the Abitibi region, was on hand to say a few words.

"This is more than just a building, it represents a place of acceptance and coexistence," he said. "It's a place to learn about each other and appreciate our differences."



Top: Edith Cloutier addresses the crowd

Bottom: A two row wampum belt representing the pavilion is unveiled

Labrador Inuit membership questioned

Dozens of former members of the Labrador Inuit Association are joining forces to fight for compensation from the Nunatsiavut self-government.

Over 100 people aired their grievances at a February 20 meeting in the Masonic Lodge in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Many were angry about their disenfranchisement in the 1990s. The group calls itself Revoked Membership and they are seeking reinstatement with full status as Inuit people.

Some people who lost membership status, but have since had it reinstated, are still upset. They say they lost out on benefits and were treated unfairly.

When a comprehensive land claims and self-government agreement was completed and came into effect in 2005, some members, who were not of full Inuit blood, were removed from the official membership list.

Other grievances include limited or no access to funding for education, medical coverage and being left out of job opportunities at the Voisey's Bay nickel mine.

The group is expected to launch a lawsuit against the Nunatsiavut government.

Bizarre death in Chisasibi

A Chisasibi man appears to have fallen to his death... from his bed.

"He was found in a very awkward position," Police Director Sam House said of Wilfred Cox, 45. His daughter discovered the body February 17 at 4 am and she phoned police.

"I think he fell forward and his head was stuck between the bed and the dresser," said House. "He was in a crouching position with his head down in his chest."

Police said that Cox and his wife were intoxicated at the time.

An investigation into Cox's death is ongoing, but foul play has been all but ruled out.

The Cottage and Country Homes Show February 15 - 18



Aboriginals report increased racism

Urban Aboriginals are reporting an increase in racist-driven incidents in school, in business dealings and by employers and police, according to a newly released poll sponsored by Indian Affairs.

The survey said that four out of 10 Indian, Inuit and Metis were discriminated against in town and cities across the country.

Governments were not neutral bystanders in racial discrimination cases, apparently. The report says that two out of 10 Aboriginals reported problems with Ottawa or their provincial government. In fact, the federal government only received a 12 per cent approval rating.

Seventy-four per cent of Aboriginals polled said that non-natives were responsible for their alienation.

The report also said that the economic reality and social hardships are much more extreme and grim when compared to the rest of the country. Neither did Aboriginals view their edifices or entities, except for friendship centres, as positive places overall to consult. The numbers were similar to the trust respondents had in the federal government.

Ekos and Anishinabek Consultants Inc conducted the telephone survey among 1,000 respondents.

The report's conclusion said the findings were "disappointing" and "disturbing."

Roderick Blackned works on a tamarack goose



Journalist Amy German at the National Outfitters Hunting and Fishing show



by Amy German
photos by Neil Diamond and Jake Kent

If there was one thing made clear at the National Outfitters Hunting and Fishing exhibition held this past Thursday through Saturday (February 15-18) at the Palais de Congrès in Montreal, it's that Quebec's outfitting industry is not just thriving but is kicking and screaming. Hundreds of exhibitors from across the province and country lined the crowded hall to showcase their outfitters' operations and show off new models of trucks, ATVs, boats and other goods.

Among them were hundreds of hunting and fishing enthusiasts who had come to book their future trips. That is the main goal of this three-day expo, to connect the outfitters with their clientele.

Says Jeanie Mianscum of Obatogamau Outfitters in Chibougamau: "I am here to represent the outfitting camp. We have lots of clients that come every year so they meet us here to make their deposits. We show them pictures of what they can catch: walleye or northern pike."

Mianscum was not the only friendly face representing the

The thrill Outfitters expo

north as The Cree Outfitters Association (COTA) and the Awashish Outdoor Adventures Company both had booths.

In representing the association, Angel Mianscum's main role was to present information on the various Cree outfitter organizations. The question she most commonly answered was, "How long is the drive?"

Beside the COTA booth was the Awashish Outdoor Adventures booth being manned by George Awashish, who seemed delighted to be taking part in the event.

"It's actually the best place to be, to be with potential clients," he said. Awashish beamed with pride when he spoke of his family's company. "We are offering fishing trips up on the Rupert River, fully packaged, trips that run four days, five days and seven days. It's only accessible by plane to a very cold, remote area where you only see my clients





of the hunt is overwhelming

and my family. I am from Mistissini, it's a family owned and operated business that has been running for five years."

Aside from outfitting operations, also on display were the latest in ATVs, fishing boats and trucks.

Suzuki had some fancy new vehicles to show off, all decked out in camouflage for ideal bush travel.

"For this year we have the LTA 450, AFI full injection, it is the same body as the King Quad 700 so it has a very large body, fuel injection and rear suspension and independent suspension," said Suzuki rep Marc Andre.

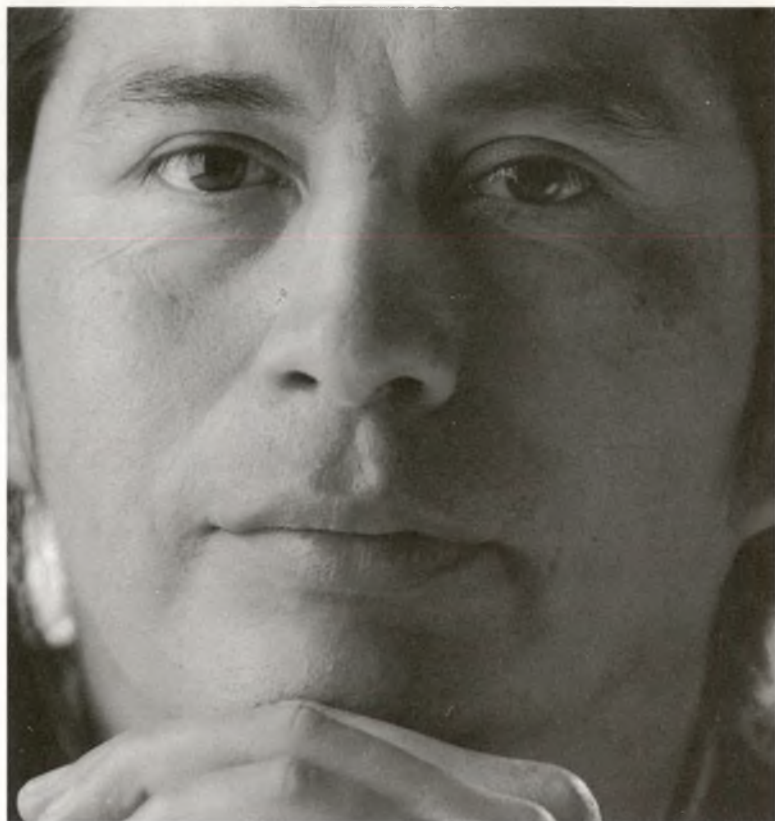
What was really interesting about this particular vehicle was that you could order it with regular wheels or skidoo tracks. The version with tracks was definitely had the feel of a miniature tank or something else that Canada's military should be using and onlookers gawked in awe.

Kawasaki also had some fun little utility vehicles all decked out in camouflage. The Mule 610 4x4 was definitely a hit with its sturdy-yet-compact design. This vehicle both looked and felt as though it was created for hunting in the bush.

The new 2007 Dodge Ram 2500 and 3500, 4x2 and 4x4 was on display at this event and seemed to generate a great deal of attention from passersby. Though there was nobody on hand to tell us what in particular made the 2007 version better than the 2006 model, the pickup's imposing stature and fancy wheel wells were enough to generate buzz.

Ten Point Crossbows were definitely all the rage at this year's show and on display at just about every booth that featured weapons. For that matter, crossbows were about the most high tech weapons there as this show really did not feature guns or rifles (much to our dismay!) As Ten Point only releases their new models in February, only the 2006 models were on display. The Pro Elites and Pro Fusions were no less impressive. www.tenpointcrossbows.com.





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Faucon Environmental Services provided a display of live hawks and owls for anyone who felt brave enough for an encounter. Though not many of us will ever have the opportunity to have a live owl perched on our hands, these trained birds posed no real threat. www.faucon.biz

Not to be outdone, Chenil de la Rivière Blanche had its own display of sleeping Bloodhounds for anyone considering purchasing a première hunting dog. Though it was hard to believe that anyone or thing could sleep through all this chaos, these sleeping beauties caught the attention of even the most gruff looking hunters and just about everyone else in the vicinity. <http://chenildelariviereblanche.com/>

Despite the endless amount of trophies, from stuffed bears (of any variety), lynx, musk oxen and even a toucan, there was strangely only one taxidermist booth at the entire show. Daniel Callan, a master taxidermist from Cornwall

Ontario, said he got into taxidermy for his love of animals.

"It was something as a kid," said Callan. "I raised pigeons for years and my favourite pigeon died so I had it mounted. I bugged the taxidermist so much that he showed me how to do it. I still have the pigeon and that was 28 years ago."

Though mounting trophies makes up the bulk of his business, when asked what his strangest taxidermy request was ever, he responded, "Their pet dog!"

Callan and his associate Richard Davis, who was busy gluing feathers onto a fresh piece at their booth, both became taxidermists through apprenticeships but offer private courses for those that are really interested in taking up the art. Go to callantaxidermy.com for more information.

There was so much to take in at this year's show that it would be impossible to talk about all of it in one piece. To keep up to date with the National Outfitters or to have your own booth at next year's show, go to: www.pourvoirie.net





Camp blacksmithing

LG3 Hunt

When a normal
hunting trip
becomes a
version of Cree
Survivor

by Will Nicholls

It was the worst of times; it was the best of times. No matter how a hunt turns out those words are true and is a part of the experience. Hunting is a traditional practice of the Crees and is a part not only of the life but the culture. Hunting for big game was never a sure thing. That's what makes it an adventure as well as a food-gathering exercise.

The Caribou hunt in James Bay opens for non-Natives in November and ended this year on February 15. Normally, this doesn't matter to Crees as we can hunt year round, but this year we were joined by Christopher Covell of New Hampshire.

Weather played a part as always, February being a frigid month that far north. Hunting during this time of year is not for the faint of heart. The nights are particularly cold when the occasion calls for the elimination of organic wastes. An outhouse can cut down on wind chill but not on the actual chill itself.

Our water started out as snow and had to be melted daily. Due to a limited supply of propane we often had to use the wood stove for cooking. On occasion a bannock cooked for over five hours before it was done.

However, the hunting has always been exciting despite the rigors of the weather. Our trip was two-fold in that we wanted to hunt and we wanted to play some serious cribbage. Of course the "Red Gypsy, as



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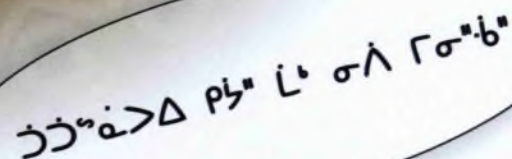
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we nicknamed Neil Diamond for the trip, had a card or two up his sleeve. I only found out after noticing he won so many games. But I give him credit as we stayed up the first night in order to keep the fire alive. No one had gotten used to the cold and a new camp is always damp. The Red Gypsy nickname was given in jest as a result of finding so many missing objects near his sleep area.

I discovered the first night that cold ashes from the wood stove killed the outhouse smell. It was a new lesson for me; you always learn something new in the bush.

Neil Diamond was getting a little freaked out as bush fever hit him first. Neil had gone so far as to advise us the stove we were cooking on could kill us. Ernie reminded everyone that it could only do so in an enclosed space and we weren't in one.

It was a hopeful time when we made the ptarmigan stew. There were so many it seemed unreal. A great taste but one that lasted all week as we never got a chance to taste caribou. Covell remarked that the meal was better than many he had in five-star restaurants in New York City.

Yes, Will on the Grill can make a mean boiled ptarmigan. A hint to all those going out into the bush and want to add a little something to an already great dish is to use garlic salt or a garlic salt substitute.



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If a river could talk



There isn't much of a change but is for the better when carrots, potatoes and a dry soup mix are added. The soup mix is the one with noodles, dried peas, rice and so on. The soup mix isn't a flavour like chicken stock and so I used the backs of the ptarmigan to make the flavour for the broth. A touch of Cayenne pepper helped to fight off the cold.

We didn't know at that point we would be entering into a survival situation. As I said later, the TV show Survivor had nothing on us.

Covel and I went looking for the snowmobiles one day. We had been told they were about 50 kilometres from our camp. It turned out they were only 36 kilometres away and we drove past them onto a road that was unplowed. Eventually we went off the road. It took us about five and a half hours to get out using a combination of physics and Cree ingenuity. We cut channels in the ice to reach the dirt road. The snow shovel came in handy to clear the channels and snow from under the truck. A tree and a 55 gallon gas barrel provide a fulcrum to lift the back of the truck so the front tires could dig in. Branches were added to the channels to get some friction. Throughout the entire affair I give Covel great credit as we never complained but worked relentlessly. We knew we could expect no assistance where we were and made it out as night was falling. The land and the Creator



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Ingredients

1 1/2 lb	pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch cubes	704 ml
2 Tbsp	unbleached white flour	30 ml
1/2 Tbsp	salt	8 ml
1/2 tsp	pepper	2 ml
1 Tbsp	olive oil	15 ml
1/2 cup	chopped onion	125 ml
1 cup	low-fat, low-sodium chicken broth	250 ml
1 cup	diced canned tomatoes	250 ml
2 Tbsp	slivered almonds	30 ml
1 tsp	chilli powder	5 ml
1/4 tsp	cayenne pepper	1 ml
1/2 tsp	cinnamon	2 ml
1 can	black beans, drained and rinsed	454 ml

Directions

1. In a plastic bag, combine the flour, salt, and pepper with the pork cubes. Shake the bag well. Heat the oil in a large stockpot over medium-high heat. Add the pork and brown on all sides for about 10 minutes.
2. Add the broth, tomatoes, almonds, and spices. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer for 30 minutes. Add the beans and simmer for 10 more minutes.

Nutritional Analysis per serving (1/6 recipe):

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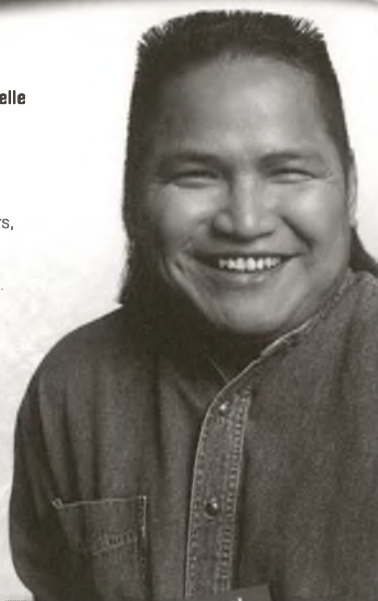
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Neil's mom repairing Covell's snowshoes



A little tea on the trail



Getting use of the snow shovel

were with us that day.

Another big thumbs up goes out to some of the workers at Hydro-Quebec. The LG3 cooks contributed three onions to our supplies. It seems like a small thing but they enhanced many a meal for us. The local convenience store was for authorized Hydro-Quebec workers but they made us honorary workers for a short time to buy some more supplies. Mario, the head of the LG3 garage, loaned us a spark plug changer so we could get the skidoos going. Perhaps there are some benefits to the new relationship everyone talks about.

The trip, though, was grueling as getting stuck meant both Covell and I threw out our backs. We still worked on gathering wood. Neil rose to the occasion taking on a lot of the work as Ernie was also down with an infected ear.

When we finally got out to where we were to hunt, a blizzard forced us to turn back early or risk not being able to make it back to camp. In the end only Ernie managed to kill a caribou and the rest of us came back empty-handed but wiser for the trip. We survived the cold and the hardships. We learnt what we could expect from each other in the far north and it made us stronger for it.

Oh, and Mr. Diamond was headed for glory before I skunked him to win the cribbage tournament. A small victory, but on this trip it was one worth savoring nonetheless.



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give at-risk youth one-on-one counselling.

"More [suicidal] incidents started happening after the first evacuation," Sutherland noted. "When Andy Scott went on CTV and announced that Kash would be relocated, the youth were hopeful. When the Conservatives came in and almost scrapped the idea, that's when a lot of youth got frustrated and depressed. They had high hopes and they believed that it would happen."

Although the E.coli infection in the water supply is considered under control, Solomon said that many of the 1,550 residents are still afraid to use it.

"There have been a lot of major upgrades on the system," he said. "The boil-water advisory was lifted in July. But there are still people who don't trust the water and who don't feel confident in it. I don't blame them. The community was very fortunate that we didn't lose any lives. There were people who got really sick."

Dr. Faries' report is due February 26. Solomon said that once he has it, he wants a meeting with Indian Affairs Minister Jim Prentice shortly thereafter.

"I'm looking forward to the report because it will be the voice of the people, it's not going to be the voice of the chief or council," said Solomon.

"The community has to take the bull by the horns. There's going to be a lot of political rhetoric but in the meantime our young people continue to suffer the consequences because of that rhetoric."

Solomon said a 2005 report on the dyke situation affirmed that something has to be done. Released by Klohn Crippen, the report stated: "The areas of transverse cracks should be repaired before the next anticipated high water. The worst areas may only

require removal of the gravel shell and reconstruction of the core, other areas may only require stripping of the shell and filling of the settled core area to restore serviceability."

Ottawa followed up with its own study and concurred with the findings, although they stopped short up until this point of committing money to repair the dyke.

In April of last year, residents had to be rescued by helicopter as the dyke overflowed. The community fears a repeat this spring.

Solomon said that a backlog of 300 homes in the community has created more stress. "There are houses where there are more than 20 people," he said.

At least four families still live in feeble tent frames set up by the Conservative government after the evacuation last summer.

"We're caught between a rock and a hard place here," said Solomon. "Because of the uncertainty of our situation the government doesn't want to invest millions of dollars into a community that is doing a study to determine their future. That's been thrown in our face when we try to address these issues. They say, 'We cannot commit to anything until we know what the future entails.' That begs the question of how long they see this continuing. How many years do we have to wait and in the meantime what are we going to do?"

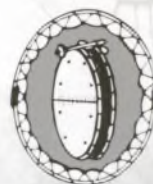
Solomon said that the government has been saying it could take 10 years to move everyone to the new community. He puts a more reasonable estimate at five, saying that any longer than that and there might not be a community to relocate.

"Are we going to continue living in a time bomb for the next 10 years? The answer is no. There will be many more problems and lives lost if a solution is not forthcoming – and fast."





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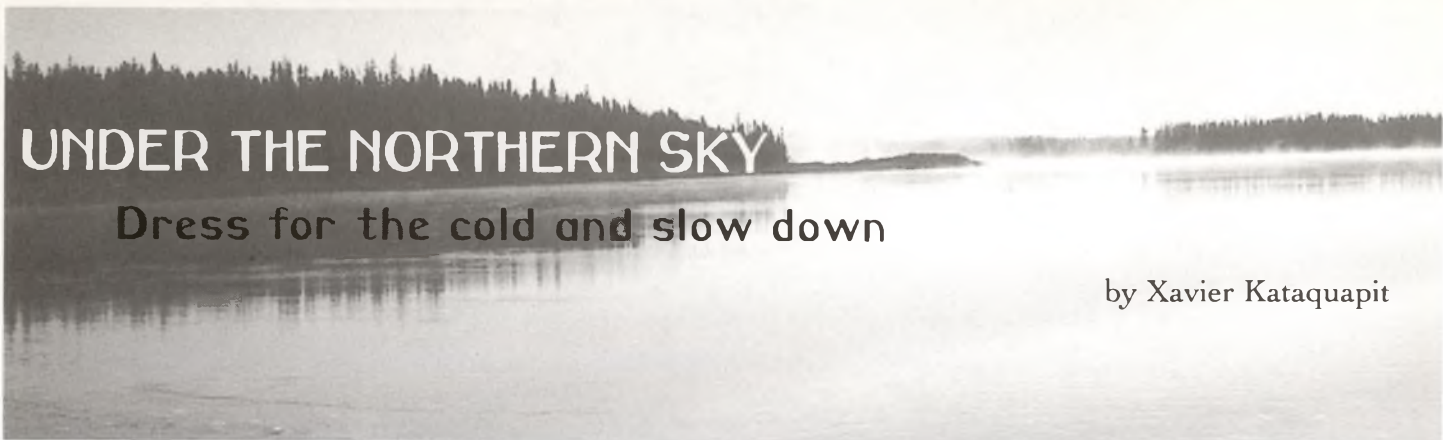
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UNDER THE NORTHERN SKY

Dress for the cold and slow down

by Xavier Kataquapit

There is almost always a perception that as a Native person from the James Bay coast, I have seen my share of freezing weather, so therefore I am immune from the cold. People think that because I have been exposed to severe winter weather from the time I was born that I have developed some kind of super-human power that prevents me from getting cold. Most of my friends in the south have that impression.

Well, the simple truth is that I dress for the cold. From a young age, my parents in the north taught me to respect the cold weather. If I was to spend any amount of time in freezing temperatures, I dressed in several layers, with warm boots, a fur-lined hat and mittens. As a child, when I had enough warm clothes on, playing outside on a blustery winter day was not a problem.

One of the surprising things I discovered about many people in the south is that very few people actually wear long underwear in the winter time. As soon as the cold weather arrives, I put mine on to get ready for winter. Sometimes when the weather dips very low, I put on an extra sweater or shirt just for good measure. So when I am standing out in the cold, the extra layers keep me comfortable and warm. The cold resistant Cree hunter-gatherer is actually a northern guy with long underwear, one too many shirts and a double pair of socks.

When I go drive a Northern Ontario highway, I dress for the cold even though I know I will be inside a heated cab for the whole trip. This is from my experience of being out on the winter road on the James Bay coast. When our cars or trucks broke down in the middle of nowhere, there was no option but to wait for help. If your truck or car engine was not running, it meant waiting inside an unheated cab in freezing temperatures. In a freezing wind chill of minus-40, the temperature inside an unheated vehicle can quickly drop to minus-20 and the longer you have to wait the colder it will feel.

Whenever I head out on a short trip onto a frozen highway, I am dressed for the elements. I also try to keep some additional clothing in the back seat such as a pair of heavy winter boots or even a blanket. I have also learned from survival experts to keep a candle and matches inside my glove compartment as a simple flame is enough to keep a small space, such as the cab of a vehicle, warm in an emergency.

Simply put, whenever I plan to go out in the cold for whatever reason, I imagine myself standing out in the snow and not being able to find a source of heat for an hour or more. Then I dress appropriately.

Another danger related to the cold weather is driving on the highways in freezing wind chills of minus-40 or -50 degree weather. On the James Bay coast, this is normal and relatively safe. If you get into an accident, you plow into deep layers of snow or into a small tree.

Highway driving in the south, however, is like driving at high speed on an ice rink. To top it off, we have to be careful to keep our vehicle from slipping on the road while at the same time avoiding opposing traffic only a few feet away. The thing to remember is that people in the other car or truck are also trying to stay alive on that same icy road. To make it more interesting, they could be drunk, stoned, a new driver or just a bad driver who just happens to be arguing with someone on their cellphone and trying to light a cigarette at the same time.

I have often wondered why it is that accidents involving many vehicles with transports are reported as the car or truck crossed the centre line in front of the transport. A friend of mine who has driven these northern highways for years had an answer to this question. He explained that as one drives at 90 or 100 kilometres an hour on a smooth icy surface in the freezing cold he or she may meet up with one of the hundreds of transport trucks coming the opposite way. Most people get a little intimidated and in many cases pull over closer to the shoulder of the road to get by the approaching giant. When the driver reaches the shoulder, sometimes the front tire is pulled over with the change of road surface. When this happens a driver will sometimes overreact and try to steer the vehicle back onto the road and sometimes this results in loss of control and the vehicle swerves and slides down the road and into the other lane.

To avoid this untimely end, you should think twice about heading out on any of our northern roads. If you decide that you have to be out there playing Russian roulette with the hundreds of transport trucks then slow down. I mean really slow down.

With all this said, if you see a Cree guy dressed like he is going to the North Pole and driving a black truck very slowly down an icy northern highway, that just might be me.

Ending Violence Against Women

by Amy German



Why does women's equality still matter? That is the question that will be pondered over a special breakfast hosted by Jack Layton and Irene Mathyssen of the National Democratic Party that will feature journalist, Heather Mallick, Ellen Gabriel, head of the Quebec Native Women's Association and Sarah Ghabrial of the Miss G Project. The March 1st breakfast is to kick off a week of festivities throughout the world leading up to International Women's Day on March 8th.

With the massive multi-million dollar funding cuts that the Conservative Party made to the Status of Women last fall, practically stripping them of any means of legal advocacy, events like International Women's Day are more important than ever, according to London Fanshare Member of Parliament Irene Mathyssen. Mathyssen is also the NDP Critic for the Status of Women and the Critic for Housing in Parliament. She has been on the case of Bev Oda, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Status of Women since Oda was appointed in that she defends the cuts the Conservatives have made and somehow manages to claim that women have actually achieved equality even though nationally, women still make 30% less than men for the same work.

According to Mathyssen, women's equality still matters because, "we know in community after community, particularly in rural and remote communities that women are still isolated. They still face problems with violence; each year 100 women die at the hands of the men who are supposed to love them. There is still no national child care strategy, I don't care what they call this debacle of \$100.00 a month, it is not a national child care strategy, it is not affordable, it does not create spaces and its not regulated, it doesn't make our children safe."

She also believes that under the Conservatives, Canada's First Nation's people are "utterly forgotten!" As it stands, not having a national housing strategy already disables women from leaving their abusers as the vast majority would rather not subject their children to the abject poverty that can come from leaving their homes. With the housing crises that some reserves are already facing, the problems with domestic violence are intensified, as there is nowhere to go for some women to go. Says Mathyssen, "more than twice the national average of aboriginal women are sexually assaulted, more than twice the national average of women in than the general population, aboriginal women are the victims of violence and crime. It's very clear that there is this racialized reality to their situation and to the poverty that they face."

The theme to this year's International Women's Day is Ending Violence Against Women: Action for Real Results and says Mathyssen, "I think that it is exactly the right theme for this year's International Women's Day." Since the Conservatives put women on the chopping block last fall, many have taken action in protest, written letters, contacted their MPs and so much more. Says Mathyssen, "I think that this government underestimated the women of this country when they started dismantling the support system that women have built by virtue of their advocacy and women are fighting back and they are taking action, they are not content to be quiet and wait this out." Since the Conservatives have been in charge, says Mathyssen, "very little has been achieved other than to endanger the very people that they pledged to protect."

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On January 14, 2007 at 2:06 p.m in Vald'Or QC, my sister was born Welcome Jacklene Allenna Daphne Diamond. you are so sweet. I love you so much. I will always be there for you my baby sister and namesake. Congratulations mom and dad (Barbara and Jack) I love you so much hugs n kisses from Crystal Diamond in Waskaganish

I would like to congratulate my cousin Crystal Mayappo Shecapio & her boys on the birth of her baby girl Sarah Elianna Paige. Finally, a daughter for your husband Matthew to walk down the aisle on her wedding day, and a baby sister for your boys, Morgan, Teddy, Nicholas, & Chiwadin to protect when guys come to her doorstep. I am so happy for you all, Congratulations, again, on your little dream come true. With Love Trudy & Jayda Mark.

BIRTHDAYS - 101

We would like to wish a happy birthday our brother Daniel Snowboy(jr) on February 17,2007, one more time happy birthday and many more to come Dee!!! Withluv your sister's Caroline, Mary and Betsy'sh

Wishing my adorable nephew Phoenix a Happy 1st Birthday! Can't describe in words how much I Luv you 3 I always miss your smile, laugh n everything that makes you you ...Many Hugs & Kisses from your auntie who misses you everyday your gone, Stacey.

Sending birthday wishes to my second oldest nephew & also one of my favorite hockey player. Steve Kanatewat-Moar on February 28, 2007. Steve, I hope you graduate this year, you'll be so happy when you finish high school it will be one of the happiest moments in your life & it's only few months away shash!!! Love you always boy, your auntie Judy

We would like to say happy birthday to our son Jaylen Jordin Marcel Salt on Feb-2-2007 and happy Valentine's day and happy first Valentine's day to Jaysen Salt baby brother of Jaylen love always mommy & daddy (Alice Salt and Steven Lameboy)

Happy 2nd Birthday to our baby Kenzie Jovin Storm on February 22. We love you so much and

pleeese don't grow up too fast. All our love, mom, Joy, dad, Calvin and the rest of the gang! Love you!

Although I'm far and away from my never aging, young hearted dad, lol, I still have to take this opportunity to tell him, you, John Shecapio Blacksmith, that I wish you A Happy ??th Birthday on the 8th of February. I want to Thank you for all the love and support you and mom have blessed upon me and my lil rugrats. You have taught me a lot and made me a strong person, and although Eadan can be...a rugrat, lol, thanks for taking the time to teach him what it is you know best. Thanks Dad, I love you and I miss you, Happy Birthday! Love, the youngest of em all, Joy, and you grandboys, Eadan and Kenzie!

This little note is going out to my daddy, John Shecapio-Blacksmith of Ouje. He celebrated his big day on Feb. 8 and he is hmmm! I can't count that high but it's up there (actually I don't know). I miss you guys and Happy Birthday baba. I love you and take care of yourself and mama. Luv Annette, Carl and your grandchildren.

Watchiya, to my people of Chisasibi! March is coming soon and I would like to send my birthday wishes to the ones I care about. Thank-you very much for being there for me. I pray that God will shine his light upon you on your special days. To Rodney and Robert Rupert on March 7, 2007. To my uncle, Oliver Rupert; I love you and I am looking forward to seeing you again. His birthday will be on March 6th, 2007. To my nephew, Casey Rupert on March 17th. I wish you all the best that life has to offer. Take care of yourself because I love you like my son. I'm proud of you and keep up the good work! To my cousin, Alice Pash on March 10th, same as Jonah's. "Happy Birthday cuz" I love you and thank you for all that you've done for the hockeyboys. Lastly, to all the people whose birthdays on March 2nd, 2007. All my love, Irene.

I would like to say Happy 9th birthday to my baby, Jonah Pepabano on March 10, 2007. I want you to know that I love you very much and that I never forget you. I know life can get hard sometimes especially when you

really miss your mommy. We'll soon be together okay, my son. Just hang in there, God has a plan for all of us and we have to beleive in Him. Wow you're already going to be 9 years old! I can't wait to see you again. Love always your mom, Irene.

We want to wish a happy birthday to Jeremy Bearskin on Feb 22? Fr. Nemaska. Take care and many birthdays to come. Fr us here in Waswanipi...Romeo, Stephanie, Toronna Carlene and especially Lianne

Happy birthday to Allana Faith Lameboy from Chisasibi on February 8. we are thinking of you everyday and we miss you, we hope you had a blast. come and visit us soon okay? from your sis and bro from Wask. Chris and Crystal.

I'd like to send Birthday Wishes to my friends back home in Chisasibi! 1st to Roxanne Pelchat on the 7th of February, I hope you enjoyed your day and surely hope everything is doing fine with you and your little family! Last but not least, Happy birthday to Rachel Martinhunter on March 1! You make me so proud my friend, keep it up in your achievements! Have fun and enjoy your day cause you deserve it so much! We'll get together soon eh!? Miss you ladies back home, love in friendship your friend Catherine!

Syerrah-Jaide is celebrating her 1st birthday on the Feb 9th 2007..hey wah-wah u and u'r big sister will be one for six days, u girls are growing up so fast, and daddy wishes u a "happy 1st birthday "we love u so much babe!! And we also would like to wish another little girl of ours a "Happy 2nd birthday" Syennah -Saige on Feb 15th 2007. Hey big sister u'r 2 and u'll be singing to yourself when u and wah-wah blow out u'r candles on u'r b-day, were so proud of u and love u girls with all our hearts...,, hugss & kisses xoxoxoxo Love always "Mamii Sam"&"daddy"

Happy 18th Birthday! To our beautiful daughter Nellie Snowboy & many many more Birthday to come. Love Always! Mom & Dad, Barbara & Clarence

We would like to wish a happy 12th birthday to our baby girl, Lisa Reyna Trapper, don't forget like I always told you, you will always

be my baby. Jabweh my chi chi nash eshachi dan. We love you very much! One more year you will be a teenager ...aweshaa...with *love Mom(Lisa)Real, Jerm, Joyce, Mandy.

I would like to wish a happy Valentine's day to my four beautiful kids, Jeremiah, Joyce, Mandy, and Lisa(babes). I am proud to have you, part of my life. I love you all so much. „Love Mom/Lisa Neeposh.

I would like to wish a happy Valentines day to my love Real Brazeau. Hmmm what can I say, I really thank you for everything you've done for me and the kids. Even though you are so grochy sometimes we are getting old.. its normal that...LOL love, Lisa/Neeposh.

On march 7, my son John Paul from Waskaganish is blessed with another year of birthday celebration. I'm shouting it out on the the nation;happy sweetest birthday ever, J.P. ehgoodah ah, mom nii, lub-a-doo.

This birthday greeting is going out to Valentina Tapiatic she's celebrated her 17th birthday on February 12,2007. Happy belated birthday & Happy Valentines Day. Remember you use to celebrated your Birthday on Valentines Day and you wanted big hearts on birthday cake!...you'll always be our Baby Girl We love you and God Bless Fr.MoM & Dad Happy 17th Birthdoy to Curtis Tapiatic on February 15,2007 We love you. Come and visit us soon God bless. Fr. Alice & William.

Happy Birthday to Teresa Mattawashish. Happy 17th Birthday and many more to come. Don't party at all. Enjoy your day. With Much Love, Mom Dad and your baby brothers.

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We would like to wish a happy 20th Anniversary to our parents Valerie & Joe Snowboy on February 17, 2007. Have a wonderful day, we love you & God bless you much love children Caroline, Daniel, Mary and Betsy xoxo

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I would like to say happy Valentine's day to my all my

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nephews Anthony & David Napash Alexander, Harry & Ronnie Lameboy and Trenton Hester-Salt and my 2 beautiful nieces Daisy Salt-Longchap (in Waswanipi) and to Cherish Salt love your auntie Alice Salt(in Chisasibi)

We would like to say happy Valentine's day to our daddy Steven we love you from your 2 sons Jaylen and Jaysen Salt

I would like to say happy Valentine's day to my boys first to my boyfriend Tony Rupert and to

my sons Anthony and David Napash I love you guys so much with all my heart love always your girlfriend/mommy Sharon Napash

We would like to say happy Vanletine's day to our sexy grandma's Katherine Salt, Helen Sam, Ruby house, Mary Chewanish, Jacqueline Lameboy, Winnie Sealhunter and Kathleen Kitty and to our great-grandma Jacqueline Napash love always Jaylen and Jaysen Salt

We would like to say happy Valentine's day to my parents/grandparents Katherine & Robert Salt and to my special sister/aunt Joanne Salt we love you so much with all our hearts love always Alice, Jaylen and Jaysen Salt

Well it's Valentine's day and I still don't get what the big fuss is about, but I figure I'd go along with it anyway. lol. I want to wish a Happy Valentines day to my man, Calvin House, and our kids, Brian,

Jalicia, Eadan and Kenzie. I'm sending all the love I possibly can to all of you on this "special" day and may the air be filled with love! And to everyone else I know and love, H a p p y Valentines day to you too! Your Friend, Joy (North Bay)

I would like to say happy Valentine's day to my husband (Sam) & my son (Owen) I love you both so much with love always ur wife & mommy Frances, lot's of hug's n kisses too. Also, happy 1st Valentine's day to Sarajenny we love you and happy 1st birthday on the 16th of Feb 2007 we're so proud of you that u already walk u not even 1 yet wow!! from your godparents Sam & Frances n ur cuz Owen Head we love you so much

Shaquillia Amber Lynn Trapper. You are daddy's most precious little angel. don't

ever, ever forget that we will always love and care for you no matter what comes in life! With all our love, your mommy and daddy Sylvanna Weistche & Jeremiah Trapper. Happy 1st Valentine's day and we love you our baby girl!!!!

I forgot to write down her Birthday is on February 15, 2007 We love you Nellie Snowboy 7 Happy Valentine's day.

This is sent out to Jacob Coon-Come from Mistissini...I would like to say happy Valentine's day and I love you so much!!!..you and Diane are my everything, I love you both so much!!!..once again..happy Valentines day my love!..fr: RLM

Kathey Lacroix you are my angel, I never knew I had, before we met I was cold and empty inside. but you gave me your love. I never knew life could ever be this great, when I decided to talk to you the night we met, that was the greatest decision I ever made in my life. I know now life can be better and greater. I will always love you and your family. Thank you again and again for loving me. Franklin

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The Native Women's Shelter of Montreal now has a 1-800 number. You can now reach us toll-free at: 1-866-403-4688. Please check out the new website at: <http://www.nwsm.info> and feel free to give us any feedback.

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of John Ottereyes of Chisasibi, James Bay region, Quebec, please contact S. Pyett collect at : 613-747-7800 x 3477.

William Blacksmith, also known as "Billy Jack". Please call any member of your family in Waswanipi. We want to know of your whereabouts. Also, anyone who knows where he is staying, please let him know we want to hear from him. Thankyou, From a concerned Niece, Hannah.

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